#### TRENTON'S CENTENNIAL.

CELEBRATING WASHINGTON'S VICTORY. ALL THE DETAILS OF THE BATTLE POLLOWED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN A SHAM FIGHT-THE CROSS-ING OF THE BELAWARE-HOW THE CONTEST OF THE MODERN CONTINENTALS AND DESSIANS WAS

[FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 26.-The Centennial anniversary of the buttle of Trenton was celebrated to day on an extensive scale. The city of Trenton, which has not wholly obliterated the vestiges of Revolutionary landmarks or put away the reposeful life of the last century, was stirred to its very depths with old-time patriotic fervor and Centennial excitement. The great feature of the celebration was a sham battle, in which the fight of a hundred years ago was fought over again, as nearly as possible, in the footprints of the Continental army. Tweive hun-dred men showed how the victory was won which Ban-" turned the shadow of death into the morning." But for Trenton, historians seem to agree, the young Republic might have been strangled in its infancy. Sham battles are a difficult kind of dramatic representation. If confined to small limits they are apt to prove exciting than the average corner knockdown, where physical vigor is shown in d ad carnest. Trenton has had sham battles before, and old inhabitants remember with pride such a celebration which took place just prior to the breaking out of the Rebellion. The great crowd seriously impeded military maneuvers to-day, and the strong leaning toward an and masquerading turned the whole affair into a semiheroic buriesque. But when it came to the 1 o'clock din ner and the afternoon oration, the patriots of 1876 rivaled their great-grandstres in carnestness and atten

Washington's exploit may be described in a few words He was at a point above Trenton, on the Penusylvania side of the Demware, having with him Gens. Greene, Mercer, Sterling, and Sullivan and 2,400 brave out wretchedly-equipped men. Before him were 1,200 well fed Hessians, warmly quartered in Trenton; behind him a fear-stricken Congress, small resources, thoroughly impoverished, faint-hearted officers, and broken plans, for those who were to cooperate from points further down the river completely failed, without making nauch effort. Washington had already written the watchword, "Victory or Death!" and he would not retract; he determined to act alone. Christmas afternoon at 3 o'clock the march began, and the little army, whose trail was marked by the blood of ice-bruised feet, arrived at Mackonkey's ferry in the twilight. "Washington crossing the Delaware" is one of the most dra. matie incidents of the nation's history. The swift cur reut, the running ice, the snow, and finally a violent storm of sleet and hall, combined to render the crossing difficult. At 4 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 26 all were over, and the march on Trenton, nine miles to the south-east, had begun. An American had already attacked a Hessian outpost, and Col. Rall had ordered the Hessian brigade under arms and sent part of his regiment in pursuit. But as those who returned reported no danger, Rall continued his usual late revel at the coffee-house which stood at State and King (now Warren) streets. While playing cards he thrust a note warning him of danger into his pocket, where it remained unread. At Birtningham Washington sent Sullivan with a division of troops to continue along the river, while he passed up into the Pennington road. Sullivan's ammunition was wet, and he received orders to use bayonet and penetrate the town. It was new broad daylight. Lanning, one of Washington's guides, was challenged by the Hessian pickets on the Pennsylvania road. "Who goes there?" was the cry. A friend," was the reply. "A friend of whom !" Gen. Washington;" and with this the van charged the pickets and pursued them into town. Sullivan drove in pickets and troops on the Riverfroad at the point of the bayonet. The concerted dash and action of the two divisions resulted in hemming in the Hessians near Rall's headquarters. In the space of 35 minutes from the first attack, Kuyphausen's regiment-150 of whom had escaped across the Assanpink bridge as Sullivan advanced—surrendered to Gen. Sterling, and the two remaining regiments of Hessians were beaten and were huddling together a short distance north of State and east of Queen's (now Greene) street. Rall, who had been wounded by a musket-ball, was raised from the ground, when the Hessians struck their colors, just as Washington had given orders to open fire again with the artillery. Rall died in the evening and is buried in the First Presbyterian Church-yard. The Amerns sustained no loss. The Hessians had:17 killed and 946 taken prisoners, of whom 78 were wounded.

The movements in the sham battle followed those of the original fight as closely as the changes in the town east of Greene-st. would permit. There were about 900 men and good-sized boys in the Continental army, which consisted of the Exton Guards, eight companies; Washington Pioneer Corps, Capt. G. A. Millette; Princeton Continental Guards, Capt. A. L. Green; Trenton Guards, Capt. W. H. Bilbee; Artillery Corps, Capt. Stahl, Lieut. F. Landolt; Cavalry, Company B, N. G. S. N. J., Capt. E. B. McIlvaine.

The Continental general officers and chief were represented as follows: Gen. Washington, Gen. Wm. S. reux : Gen. Greene, Gen. E. L. Campbell; Gen. Mercer,

Capt. R. S. Johnston; Gen. Sullivan, Mr. Martin Keegan; Gen. Sterling, Col. W. P. Wilson; Gen. Knox, Capt. E. C. The Hessian troops, 300 or 400 strong, were repre sented by the 7th Regiment Infantry, N. G. S. N. J., six

companies; artillery-Capt. C. Vansyckell. Capt. S. M. Youmans personated the Hessian commander, Col. Rall, and Capt. Pear Wilkes the Hessian Lieut.-Col. Schaefer. The war correspondent of THE TRIBUNE arrived at the ante-bellum headquarters, the United States Hotel, at midnight. Practically the heroic drama was begun. Capt. Lovett and 67 men of Company D of the Exton Guards were marching through the snow on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware nine miles to Washington's Crossing. The Princeton Continental Guard in full uniform were quartered at the hotel; they occupied rooms en birouac. To say they slept, or indeed that any other guest of the hotel slept, were to impute weakness and spasmodic character to their war-whoop. Col. John Sullivan of Boston, a great grandson of Gen. Sullivan, was at headquarters. While these reveis, worthy of Col. Rall, the Hessian commander, were drawing the night to a weary length, the patriotic men

Sullivan was at headquarters. While these revels, worthy of Col. Rall, the Hessian commander, were drawing the night to a weary length, the patriotic men under Capt. Lovett reached Taylorsville with a loss of four men fiagged out, and crossed the river on the ice between 3 and 4 a. m. at Washington's Crossing. They marched in single file, proceeded by a man with a lantern, for the ice "was considered treacherous. At Trenton it was conjectured that this valiant band would become surrounded and captured by applejack, but Capt. Lovett insisted that ocide alone should be served at the places of entertainment on the route. They reached Treaton in time to participate in the battle with patriotism several degrees below zero.

The morning broke gray and cold. At 7:30 o'clock the rewild was sounded in front of headquarters, and an aid-de-camp thundered at the doors of sommiferous recruits. Gen. Washington (Gen. Treux) appeared with his staff at 8:30. He rode a gray horse, and the horse wore a collar of artificial flowers. The Princeton Guards and the Chambersburg Cavairr, seven strong, were soon in battle array in front of the hotel. General officers began to arrive with their staffs. The conduct of the horses awakened alarm lest somebody should be trampled on or the riders thrown. Later in the day, when the Adjustite General, L. C. Gasson, fell from his horse, which then ran over two boys, the public fear was realized. The irregular troops of the Continental army were armed mainly with muzzle loaders, and needed no further touch of realism to represent the tattered and mothey raiment of those who, a hundred years before, made war in earnest for a great principle. Up to 9 o'clock the fife and drum were heard on all sides, and the different squads were taking up position, Sullivan's division at the end of West Statest, and Gen. Greene's division at the end of West Statest, and Gen. Greene's division at the told of the Statehouse was a lotty position for many. Lossbourg's Hesians were in a position to interrupt Greene on

shove.

Here was the brunt of the fight. On Greenest, the crowd was so dense behind the Bessians that they were not able to retreat more than a hundred feet at a time. Dot able to retreat more than a hundred feet at a time. The Princeton Guards were accommodating, and did not press Lossbourg's regiment. By regular plateons the Hessians marched up to within a few feet of the Continentals, aimed in the air, and made the ears of the crowd jar with their deafening volleys. The air was sulphurous since the deafening volleys. The air was sulphurous since the R. J. Livingston.

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The contest on Perry-st., between Gr., enc find Warrents, was most laughable. Sterling was fighting Rall's

regiment, and had captured two pieces of artillery. The Hessians were whipped, the crowd told them so, and yet the Continentals were getting enough of it. They had become wearied of putting their hats over the muzzles of their guns, when the word came to fire. One man's cheek was cut by a ramrod shot from a musket, and three or four carcless fellows sent ramcods flying toward the zenith. The Hessians, with their breechloaders, were nearly frozen, but the poor, bare flugered muzzle-loading Continentals took on a stekly look of discust, and loaded with painful slowness. The latter were caser for an onalsaght. The Hessians retreating across Greene-st. gave them the opportunity. Off they dashed on the double-quick, with bayonets lowered and sharp yell following yell. Gen. Stirling screamed "Halt!" and the troops disobeying, he gallopped after, shouting "Halt!" with every jump of his horse. The Continentals had a good time for once. They were brought back, however, and were charged to drive the Hessians not faster than three miles an hour.

This masquerade battle was continued with equal deliboration till 11½ o'clock. A section of Greene's troops reached Statest, by way of Brunswick-ave, and Rose-st. The Hessians retreated through Academy and Carrollists. to State-st., near Stockion-st. Here both sides blazed away till they had enough of it. Col. Rail did not get wounded and faint but delivered up his sword, and Gen. Washington did not give way to those expressions of deep feeling which Baneroft describes. The belis of the city rang out jubilee, and the Hessians getting out of their hireling characters, joined in a parade in honor of liberty. Before noon it had begun to drizzie. At 1 o'clock the soldiers were served with refreshments at Washington Hall. The crowd was so great that it took considerable valor for the tired veterans to capture their dinner. At 2 o'clock a large andience filled Tay-lor's Hall to listen to the address of Judge Buchanan of Trenton, who dwelt mainly on the different historic accounts of th

#### HOME NEWS.

counts of the battle.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY AT HUDNUTS, IN BROADWAY. 9 a. m., 30°. Neon. 33°. 3 p. m., 34°. Midnight, 29°. Highest damps the day, 34°. Lowest, 25°. Average, 30°. Same day, 1875, 39°4°.

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Eyercit House—Profs. Theodoro D. Woolsey and George E. Day of New-Haven, Ezra Abbot of Cambridge, Mass., and Charles U. Shepard of Amberst College, and Bear Admiral Charles S. Boggs, U. S. Navy., Nos. York Hole—Senator Theodore F. Bandolph of New-Jersey and Col. Dickinson Woodrid, U. S. Arny., Carendon Histonical College George F. Consisce of Syzachase, Lieut. Gov. H. G. Knicht of Massachusetts, and Nathansel Wheeler of Consideration. Starteson Mostes—E. L. Davenport., Coleman House—Gir. J. I. Abeveromble, U. S. Army., Astor House—Edward McPhierson of Pennsylvania.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Fish is plentiful in market, and the prices are as Many street-lamps are not extinguished until

The Mercautile Library clock is taking a pro-Chamberlain Tappan reports a balance in the city casnry on Saturday of \$1,214,938 36.

Despite the diversions of Christmas, the speculator stocks is always ready to "bear" them in mind. The skating at the Central Park is in splendid A dispenser of hot soda water on the Bowery talks of applying for a degree as a practicing fizzician.

The Produce Exchange will take a vote to-morrov pon the question of closing the Exchange on Saturday. Castle Garden is in a moribund condition. Im-

The engineers of the East River Bridge are busy esting the samples of wire offered by different manufac Point lace butterflies-in feminine parls something perfectly lovely"-are now worn as ornamen

Should be retain his hold on this footstool until Assemblyman Francis K. Howell was presented ast night by several friends with a handsome gold-headed

A pork-packer on Hudson-st, exhibits a hog weigh-ng 694 pounds. And still Cincinnati is by courtesy called

The steamer Wyoming for Liverpool carried yes-terday 23,994 letters, 236 registered letters, and 44 bags of Fancy groceries are not so much consumed as in

Alexandre & Sons are now building for their New-

Mayor-elect Smith Ely had an interview yesterday There was no change in Commodore Vanderbilt's condition yesterday. His physician last evening reported him a be very feeble, but quite comfortable.

School girls have substituted pennants for pendants in car-rings; their latest device consists of small bows of gros-grain ribbon in all shades tied in rings.

There was a rigid examination of gas-meters in

The theft of ash-barrels has always been a manin ith the small boy, but since the advent of cold weather sees receptacles disappear from the sidewalks with amazing order.

Correspondents of country papers now loom through several columns on the wide-spread destitution in this city. It's not to be compared with their abject poverty of deas and news.

The receiver of the Mechanics' and Traders' Savngs Institution resterday began paying a second dividend of to per cent. This makes 65 per cent paid in all since the bank ame into his hands.

Williams & Gnion announce that the British postal authorities have selected their line of steamers for the conveyance of the malls from Queenstown to New-York for the month of January, 1877. The Stock Exchange yesterday appointed a com-

mittee to prepare suitable resolutions expressive of the regret feit by the Exchange at the death of Col. W. R. Vermilye. The committee will report to-day. Capt. Josiah S. Grindle of the ship St. Mark, re-cently convicted of cruelty to seamen, was taken to the Albany Penticutiary on Saturday by Deputy Marsoals Kennedy and Colfax, to undergo his two years' imprisonment.

Counterfeit ten-dollar bills on the Muncie (Ind.) rational Bank, a change from the Lafayette National Bank, re in circulation. It is supposed that the counterfeiters are a Canada, and one dealer has been arrested in Chicago.

A Harlem Scotchman is the proud owner of a donkey which he has dubbed Maxwelton. There's a radical difference of opinion between his neighbors and the min who was "spooney" on Annie Laurie—the former don't think "Maxwelton's braes are bonny."

The influence which a prominent business house has in making its location the center of trade is said by real state agents to be remarkable. Whenever a leading firm noves its business up town, the applications for stores in the ame vicinity become numerous.

same vicinity become numerous.

Some tonsorial lunatic has numbered the hairs of the human head. Light or blonde hair is the most luxuriant, 146,000 habrs being counted. In a brown head of hair the number is smaller, being 110,009; while black hair yields only 103,000. The sole alternative for brunettes is to dye.

Jarrett & Palmer have invited the members of the police force who are off daty on Thursday night next to attend the representation of "Dan'i bruce" at Booth's Theater. This aver is in recognition of their services in selling theets for the benefit performances in aid of the Brookly's numberers.

A manual of postal information has been prepared by the letter-carriers, from official sources, and in

by the letter-carriers, from official sources, and is presented to the public. It gives the times of closing the various mals, domestic and foreign postal laws and regulations, and is a valuable pamphlet for ready reference for all who use the At a regular meeting of the American Academy of Dental Surgery last evening resolutions were

Dental Surgery last evening resolutions were passed on the death of Dr. H. McLiroy, an esteemed Fellow of the Academy. A paper on Neurnigla, by Dr. C. P. Hart, was then read and discussed, when the meeting adjourned to the fourth Tuesday

A mule race will be one of the features of the entertainment at Gilmore's Garden next Monday night. Each mule will be ridden by the owner of another a, male entered for the match, and the last mule will win the principal premium. There is a second and third premium for the second and third last mules.

By reason of the frequent delays of the ferry-boats, caused by the ice in the Hudson River, the Erie Rail-way Company will run no boats from the foot of Twenty-thirdat, after 9 p. m., as evening passengers can make better time by taking a car to the foot of Chambers at than they could do on the river.

Inspectors Nevm and Jackson of Capt, Brackett's office seized 1.500 cigars yesterday found concealed on board the steamer Cuba from Havana. Inspector Carroll found 12 yards of amuggied silk on the steamer Fommerania from Humayards of amuggied silk on the steamer Fommerania from Humayards of Sew-York from Havana.

Charles R. Beckwith, B. T. Babbitt's confidential clerk, who was recently convicted on two of the 24 indictments against him for forgery and embesslement, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Sutherland, in the Court of General Sessions, to 10 years' imprisonment in the State Prison. Motion in arrest of judgment by his counsel was denied.

A female impostor, who pretends to be the bearer of a letter from Mrs. De Rois, first directress of the Nursery and Child's Hospital, is soliciting aid to enable a poor woman to take her sick husband and blind child to Europe. She is one of the host of professional beggurs who make a competence out of the marketable sympathy of a credulous public.

The Police Commissioners yesterday accepted the resignation of officer Smith of the Fifth Precinct. Officer Diamond of the Broadway Squad, who has been stationed for many years at Broadway and Tweifth-st. was promoted to the office of roundsman at that place, because of the assistance which he has given to ladies and children crossing that thoroughtare.

The urchins about the City Hall Park who induiged in coasting from the mound of earth left there by work men, threw out a picket line and established a regular code of signals to warn coasters of the approach of policemen. When one hove in sight a distant scout would pipe out, "Cheese it, Teddy," whereupon steds and boys would both vanish to re-sppear again shortly and go through the same tactics.

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The children of Trinity parish enjoyed a Christmas festival yesterday at Trinity Church by the singing of a number of carols and hymns. At the rear of the church was a large Christmas tree loaded with caudies, books, and other gifts for the children. After an address by the lev. Dr. Ogilby, the tree was stripped of its gifts and all the children received a present from Santa Claus.

The following is a comparative statement of cases of contagious diseases reported for the two weeks ending Dec. 10, 1876:

The Eleventh Ward Boys' Lodging House, No. 709
East Eleventhst, held their Christmas entertainment last
evening. A sumptuous dinner, the gift of John Crosby Brown,
was served at 8 o'clock. Shirts were also presented to each
boy, carols were sung, and short addresses were made by John
Crosby Brown, Charles E. Whitchead, the Hon. Hooper C.
Van Vorst, and the Rev. M. Palne of Massachusetts. Gifts of
clothing were received from Robert Hoc, jr., Judge J. K. Porter, and R. J. Livingston.

A presses H. Charles of High M. M. School and A. A.

The stone for the new memorial to be raised in Trinity Charch to the memory of the late William B. Astor is now being cut at the stone yard of Ellin & Kittson, No. 519 West Twenty-directs. It is commated that the altar and reredos will be set up at Aster has been been all as will cost \$40,000. The altar is of white marble, the counds of the Redeemer. The carving of the cornice will consist of beads of wheat and clusters of grapes, to represent the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. The revealed, of Caen stone, illustrates the earthly life of the Savior.

Savior.

The guardians of the free reading-room in the Cooper Institute have been much troubled since cold weather set in by the presence of tramps and men out of work, who hamnt the room throughout the day, monopolizing chairs and papers, often with no intention of reading. Many of these men cannot read. Frequently they are found to be hotoxicated, although at the same time complaining of hard times and declaring that they are in a state of starvation. About 6 p. m. they disappear, going to the station-houses or the five-cent lodging-houses for the night and returning early the next day. The onlears on duty at the Cooper Institute are doing all in their power to lessen this evil.

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Official returns made to the Bureau of Statistics show that during the month of November, 1875, there arrived at the port of New-York 4.457 immigrants of whom 2.391 were males and 1.856 were females. Of the total number who arrived, 855 were from England; from Scotland, 169; Wales, 3; Ireland, 673; Germany 1.437; Austria, 219; Sweden, 186; Norway, 51, Denillo; Holland, 21; Belgrium, 7; Russia, 110; Spain, 26; Italy, 189; Holland, 21; Belgrium, 7; Russia, 259; Foland, 33; Hingary, 28; Finland, Greece, China, Porto Rica, and Australia, 2, each; Canada, 10; Nova Scotia and Mexico, 3 cach; Cuba, 5; the Argentine Republic, Venezuels, the Sandwich Islands, and Africa, 1 each.

BROOKLYN. Many ranaway were reported yesterday, and sev-al horses lound by officers, detached from sleighs, are still

Registrar Whitney reports \$91,760 37 to have been collected for arrears of taxes, &c., during the week ending Dec. 24, 1876.

A. Brinkerhoff, who has filled the office of Deputy controller for two years, has been reappointed to that position by Controller-elect Burrill. Very few arrests for drunkenness were made on Christmas Day. Disorderly persons seemed either to have re-mained at home or to have gone out of town for their frolics. George B. Remsen, dealer in lime, cements, &c., at Kentave, and Wilson st., has been adjudged a bankrupt. His Kentave and Wilson st., has been adjudged a bankrupt. His habilities amount to \$20,048 43, and his assets are unknown. In addition to the amounts already published, the sum of \$350 was yesterday contributed at the Mayor's office and at the Mechanics' Bank to the Brooklyn Theater fire relief fund.

A new flag flies at half-mast on the Courtin place of the old one which was torn to pieces by the The municipal streamers on the City Hall are als

Another of the persons charged with voting ille-laily on election day—John Sullivan of No. 415 Oakland ave.— cas discharged yesterday, it having been shown that the com-laint was the result of mistagen identity.

At a meeting yesterday of the Jail Committee of the Board of Supervisors, it was decided to recommend that \$500 be taken from the contingent fund to construct a tele-graph line coamecting the Sheril's office, District-Attorney's office, and the Police Headquarters.

Dennis Carroll, an intirin old man, 82 years old, ras brotally beaten and cut about the head yesterday morning y his dranken son-in-law, Michael Rice, at Cranberry and inlicensis. Rice was atrested and committed to jail to await the result of the old man's injuries. Margaret Miller of No. 307 Atlantic-ave. was arrested last Saurday for stealing goods from the toy store of her ciuployers, Messers, Cognili & Son, No. 224 Fulton st., but the complaint was writhdrawn in view of her peculiar circum-stances, Property valued at more than \$100 was traced to varrous places on Atlantic, Flatbush, and Hudson aves., where she had had it conveyed.

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Julius A. Wunsche of No. 5 Cook-st. disappeared from the city on Nov. 24 with two gold watches and a gold than, valued at \$152, which he had taken home from Matthew Heitzman's lewelry store on Broadway, on pretense of showing them to his sister. When he returned to the city on inferistman night he was arrested and held for tiral. There are other charges of the same character against him.

BRUTAL ATTACK ON A SLEIGHING PARTY.

THREE MEN STABBED, TWO SERIOUSLY, AND TWO LADIES SEVERELY BEATEN-ARREST OF TWO OF THE ASSAILANTS.

Frederic Hineson and his wife, of No. 80 Thirdst., Peter Mathisen and his wife, of No. 151 Meadow-st., and Otto Kaufiman of No. 142 Washington-st., in Hoooken, started upon a sleigh-ride on Christmas evening They had bired two teams at Smith's livery stable, and took a pleasant drive into the country. About 11 o'clock as they were returning along Willow-st., near the We hawken boundary, one of the ladies was struck by ball thrown by some one of a group of person standing in the street. Others followed, and, stopping the horses, the gentlemen jumped out and became engaged in a fight with their assail-Suddenly Kauffman felt a sharp pain in his back and shouted that he was stabbed. Hineson and Mathisen were also stabled. The ladies attempted to interfere to save their husbands' lives, and they wer beaten and kicked. Cries for assistance were heard by Francis Stone, a flagman at the railroad crossing near by, and he ran toward the scene of the conflict. At the same time a Union Hill car came along, and the passen gers hastened to the assistance of the sleighing party. The ruffians fled through the neighboring fields and for the time made good their escape.

Mr. Hincson was bleeding profusely from a bad cut of the right side of his neck, and his clothing was saturated with blood that flowed from several stab wounds in his right side. The hemorrhage was checked as much as possible and he was taken upon the car and conveyed to his residence. Mr. Mathisen was stabled in the right side, but his wound was not very serious. He took the two ladies into one sleigh, and, after stanching Kanifmau's would, placed him in the other. He started for Hoboken, leading the other team. When they reached Smith's stable, word was immediately sent to the police station, and Sergeant Edmonston, who was command, hastened to investigate the case. The enire party were so excited that they gave a disconnected oherent account of the affray. Mrs. Hineson gave good description of one of the rufflans, which answered that of Patrick McDonnell, who lives in a notoriously bad neighborhood known as the West Hoboken "Shades." that of Patrick McDonnell, who lives in a notoriously bad neighorhood known as the West Hoboken. "Shades." Taking several of his officers, the sergeant went to West Hoboken. There he found the flagman, Stone, who stated that the O'Donnell brothers had been in the fight, and that they fived in Roman's cottage. The "Shades" is one of the worst neighborhoods in Hoboken. The cottage where O'Donnell lived is under the brow of the Palisades, below the West Hoboken Observatory. It was in this neighborhood that McDonnough was murdered by Cumingham several years ago. It was here also that hoach with a chisel killed one man and wounded another; Reycolds of the Reynolds-alley gang in Mulberry-st. was killed here a few years ago while robbing a man. The mysterious murder in the snow three years ago was committed in this neighborhood, and the most desperate criminals have always found an asylum here. Sergeant Edmonston knocked at the door and ordered O'Donnell to open it. The officers were obliged to force an entrance into the house. O'Donnell bad just arisen from his oed, and, undressed as he was, he struggled violently to escape arrest. He was taken into the yard and placed is the snow, and then he became cooler and asked to be permitted to dress himself. His brother-in-law, Thomas Cosgrove, was also in the house, and he also was arrested. The prisoners were taken be fere Recorder Bohnstedt yesterday forenoon, and both were engaged in the affray. They were taken to the switch-house and recognized by the flagman, Stone, as the men who were engaged in the affray. They were taken to the solider house and recognized by the flagman, Stone, as the men who were engaged in the affray. They were taken to the switch-house and recognized by the flagman fore, and he had been used in the affray.

THE INSURANCE DISSENSIONS.

AN APPEAL BY THE NATIONAL BOARD'S COMMITTEE TO THE NON-BOARD COMPANIES.

At the recent session of the National Board of Fire Underwriters a committee of fifteen was appointed to confer with non-board companies and to take such action as should be deemed advisable to secure the cooperation of all the insurance companies in the fixing of rates for writing risks. This committee has issued an appeal, which has been forwarded to the English companies that recently withdrew from the board.

The committee starts out in its appeal by presuming that there are four points all can agree upon: First, that the public at large should hold the underwriting frathat there are four points all can agree upon: First, that the public at large should hold the underwriting fraternity in esteem; second, that underwriters should be able to affect public opinion so as to prevent unjust and oppressive laws and taxation; third, that the business should reat upon a statistical basis; fourth, that the sum of the annual fire loss should be reduced. A house divided against itself cannot command respect, and no safe method of fire underwriting can be gained by individual experience. It must be based, to be successful, upon the aggregated experience of the largest number. The committee declares that all the prosperous years for the companies were those in which the underwriters were united. As soon as the bond of union was broken personal animosities began, and there has been a headlong and blind scramble for business, which was ruinous to the insurance interest. The same thing will occur again, and in the present condition of things can only end in disgrace and bankrupley. If unity, then, is a necessity, is there not a common ground on which all can meet! Board and non-board companies are fighting chiefly as to the matter of rates; both, however, agree that there must be a bottom rate which cannot be underbold with profit. The committee asks: "Will the non-board companies be willing to state what in their judgment the bottom rate is on the several classes of hazards, and will they unite with the board companies in making that the minimum! Will they suggest any form of national organization preferable to the present form! These questions are asked in the hope that he non-board companies will see their way to a happy solution."

It is thought that a reorganization may be effected.

A SHIP ON FIRE AT SEA. Boston, Dec. 26.-The brig Zetland, which

arrived here to-day from London, reports that on Oct. 30, when 60 miles from Ushant, France, they saw a ship of about 800 tons (supposed to be American) on fire. The Zetland bore down upon the ship, but the vessel sank be-fare she reached her. FREIGHTS ON THE TRUNK LINES.

and it is not known what action they will take toward the settlement of the questions at issue.

"A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE," &c.—Schoolmaster—"What is the meaning of equinox!" Pupil (who knows something of Latin derivations)—" Please, Sir, its Latin for nightmare."—[Punch.

First Citizen—"And you, too, are for a war ?"
econd Cit.—"Not a bit of it. My brave substitute sufered too much in the last one."

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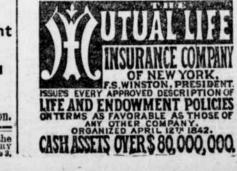
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